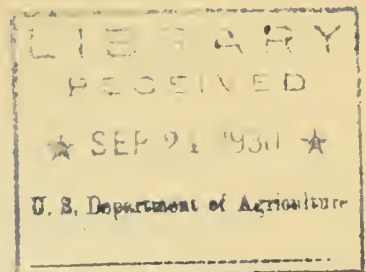


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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The demand for barreled apples was active on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday, September 17, and moderate for boxed offerings, according to a cable from Mr. Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Supplies of American apples were light. Barreled apples were showing a large percentage of slacks but otherwise in good condition. Boxed apples were in good condition and showing good color and bright appearance. Pear prices showed some decline from last week.

Demand was fair for American apples at London. Supplies were light and the fruit was in generally good condition. U. S. No. 1, 2 inch Virginia Grimes sold at about \$5.35. The same sized Virginia Bonums sold at the same price, whereas 2 inch Virginia Jonathans sold around \$7.54 per barrel. The U. S. No. 1, 2 1/2 inch sizes of the same varieties sold at 24 cents to 37 cents higher. Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 188/smaller Washington Jonathans made about \$3.41 per box and the same grade and size of California Gravensteins sold at about \$2.92 per box. California Bartlett pears sold at \$2.92 to \$3.41. Oregon Bartletts at \$3.16 to \$3.41, and California Hardy at \$3.41 to \$3.65 per box.

Mr. Motz reports that early Belgian apples and pears are nearly cleaned up. The prices have been generally low except for good quality fruit. The trade does not anticipate high prices for American apples early in the season this year due to business conditions.

The light Continental European apple crops were somewhat further deteriorated by unfavorable weather conditions during the last of August and the first week in September, according to a communication from Acting Agricultural Commissioner O. L. Dawson at Berlin. In Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Hungary apple crops are generally very light and far below the crop of last year. In Sweden, Austria and in the Italian Tyrol good apple crops are expected. Reports on prospects for apples in Yugoslavia vary and in Bulgaria, where reports were formerly good, prospects are now somewhat uncertain. Pears are a better crop generally throughout Europe than apples but below the crop of last year.

The reduced apple and light pear crops in Continental Europe, compared with last year will increase the importations of foreign apples, over that of last year, but, because of somewhat poorer general economic conditions, consumption, especially at high prices, will be materially restricted.

Prices paid for American Fruit at Liverpool.

Variety, grade and origin	Price	
	1930	
	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
	Dollars	Dollars
<u>APPLES</u>		
<u>BARRELS</u>		
Bonum, Virginia:		
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	----	7.54-8.03
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	----	6.69-7.30
U.S. No. 1, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch minimum	----	6.08
Grimes, Virginia:		
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	5.60	6.57-6.81
Jonathan, Virginia:		
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	-----	9.25
King David, Virginia:		
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	-----	8.03-8.27
U.S. No. 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	-----	7.30-8.15
Maiden Blush, New York:		
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	-----	5.60
Gravenstein, New York:		
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	----	5.72
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	----	5.23
<u>BOXES</u>		
King David, Washington:		
Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 150/175	-----	3.28-3.41
Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 188/smaller ..	-----	3.16-3.28
Fancy 150/175	-----	3.16
Cox's Orange, Washington:		
Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 150/175	3.28-3.41	3.16-3.28
Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 188/smaller ..	2.98-3.41	3.04-3.10
Winter Banana, Washington:		
Fancy 150/175	3.04	2.74-3.10
Fancy 188/smaller	----	2.74
<u>PEARS</u>		
Bartlett, New York:		
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	10.93-12.17 a/	10.22
U.S. No. 2, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch minimum	9.00-9.73 a/	7.79
Bartlett, Oregon:		
Comice, California	3.89-4.38	2.92-3.41
Anjou, California	3.89-5.11	4.12-4.38
Hardy, California	----	3.47-3.83
	3.65-4.14	3.53-3.77
<u>PLUMS AND PRUNES</u>		
Presidents, California:		
4 x 5	1.95-2.19	1.46-1.52 b/
5 x 5	1.95	1.40 b/
Prunes, Oregon:	-----	1.09

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Many slack

b/ Variable condition